IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

United States of America,		
	Plaintiff,	
vs.		Case No. 1:25-cr-00131
Isaac Osei Afoakwa,		
	Defendant.	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

- [¶1] THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Motion to Continue Trial filed by the Defendant on June 22, 2025. Doc. No. 15. Trial is scheduled in this matter for July 15, 2025. This is the Defendant's **first** request for continuance in this case.
- [¶2] As grounds for the continuance request, Counsel for Defendant states additional time is needed to locate witnesses, complete the investigation, and prepare for trial. Further, Counsel has another trial schedule for the same week. The Defendant has filed a waiver of speedy trial. Doc. No. 14.
- [¶3] Upon consideration, the Court finds there is good cause to continue the trial, and "the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7). See United States v. Harlan, 960 F.3d 1089, 1093 (8th Cir. 2020). Accordingly, the Defendant's Motion to Continue is **GRANTED**.
- [¶4] Trial shall be rescheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Bismarck Courtroom 1 before the undersigned. A three (3) day trial is anticipated. All time that elapses from

the date of this Order until trial shall be excluded from any Speedy Trial Act calculation. <u>See</u> 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

[¶5] IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED June 23, 2025.

Daniel M. Traynor, District Judge United States District Court